

Principal Outlines Woodcreek Plans

FARMINGTON Principal Lawrence Freedman reported on plans for Woodcreek School at a recent school board meeting. Now nearing completion, the district's 19th elementary building of striking new design is located at 2850 Danvers in Section 12.

"The unique and flexible design of the school offers the opportunity to organize a program suited to the needs of the children," said Freedman. "The school will house kindergarten through sixth grades, four deaf education rooms, and two Type A special education classes.

"Kindergarten, first and second grades will be organized as self-contained classes," he continued. "Each classroom and teacher will provide youngsters with an environment conducive to the establishment of a healthy educational, social and emotional foundation.

"Organization of grades three through six will be approached on a team teaching basis in graded clusters," explained Freedman. "The term 'graded clusters' refers to a large open classroom which houses all children within a given grade. The total number of children within that grade will be assigned to a team of skilled teachers.

All teachers in the team will share in the responsibility for the education and guidance of all students in that particular grade," he pointed out. Teachers within the team will complement each other's abilities and interests and in so doing offer students a unique and outstanding opportunity in their education.

It is hoped that as a result of this flexible Woodcreek plan we may better meet the needs of children our attempt is to approach each youngster at his own individual level and help him to grow to his maximum capabilities for any given school year.

Farmington Calendar

HILL AND DALE GARDEN CLUB

April 9. Hill and Dale Garden Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center. Guest speaker will be Betty Brown, an expert in abstract flower arranging. The meeting will be a workshop on the pedestal class, using dry or partly dry flowers. Coffee will be served.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS

April 9. Chapter 49 of the Blue Star Mothers of Farmington will hold a luncheon and card party at noon in the Farmington Community Center. The public is invited. For reservations, call GR 4-3384 or GR 6-2783.

GOP WOMEN OF FARMINGTON HILLS

April 9. The Republican Women's Organization of Farmington Hills will hold its annual membership tea from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center.

VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I

April 9. The Veterans of World War I will hold their regular meeting in the American Legion Hall, Lakeway and Grand River. Coffee hour at 1 p.m.; meeting at 2 p.m. All World War I veterans are invited to attend.

TRINITY SHRINE CARD PARTY

April 9. The annual king and queen's card party of Trinity Shrine #4 will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Farmington Masonic Temple. Donation \$1.25. The shrine will also hold a rummage sale beginning at 10 a.m. April 11 in the Wheeler Fire Hall, Middle Belt north of Grand River.

SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB

April 10. The Senior Citizens Social Club will meet at noon in the First United Methodist Church social room. Bring a sandwich. A social afternoon with cards will follow the business meeting.

SOUTH FARMINGTON BASEBALL FOR BOYS

April 11. Registration for South Farmington Baseball for Boys will be held from noon to 4 p.m. in Farmington High School, 35000 Shiawassee. New boys must bring a birth certificate.

SPRING CONCERT

April 12. Farmington Musicals' Choral Ensemble will present a spring concert at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center. Donations of \$1 will be given to the center for operational expenses.

OCC FACULTY WIVES

April 14. Oakland Community College Faculty Wives will meet at 8 p.m. in Wiggs Colony Shop, 4080 Telegraph at Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. An interior decorator will discuss "Go With What You've Got," and a door prize will be furnished. Rummage may be brought to this meeting for the spring rummage sale to be held April 30 and May 1.

SHIWAASSEE AUTHOR'S FAIR

April 18. Shiawassee School will hold its annual Young Author's Fair from 7 to 8 p.m.

COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

April 17. A community blood bank will be held from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Franklin Community Church, Franklin Rd. and Wellington between 13 and 14 Mile. Donors eligible from 18 to 66 years of age. Nursery provided. Call MA 6-2841 for further information.

TOWN CLUB RUMMAGE SALE

April 18. Farmington Town Club will hold a spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Salem United Church of Christ, Oakland at Grand River, Farmington.

Passing Tax Buck?

Chide Township Again

FARMINGTON The Farmington Democratic Club has chided the Farmington Township Board for attempting to shift the blame for increased tax payments and suggested four ways of tax relief.

In a resolution the club says: "The attempt of Farmington Township to blame the school board for the higher assessments is nothing more than a subterfuge for their own failures to properly explain the reasons leading to the increases.

"In Farmington Township the chief assessing officer is the supervisor of the township-Curtis Hall. The supervisor and his assessing department set the level of assessments in line with the state Constitution and state law requiring such assessments to be at 50% of true cash value," the resolution says.

"Farmington Democrats point this out because at the time the state's revised constitution was narrowly adopted in 1963 we opposed the document on the basis that the 50% assessment provision would result in regular and substantial property tax increases."

"MANY of the township officials supported the constitution and the property tax provision. Thus, on their shoulders should lie the blame for the higher and prohibitive taxes now faced by Farmington homeowners," the resolution says.

"Even after the constitution went into effect and the Dem-

ocrats warned of the higher property taxes, Hall took the position in a press statement that the effect on homeowners would be all.

"Hall's definition of nil is not the same as that of thousands of Farmington homeowners who are rightly concerned that their property taxes have soared far beyond the point of reasonableness," the resolution continues.

THE RESOLUTION says the club supports the following measures for tax relief:

-Passage of a state school aid bill which will shift the burden of taxes away from the local property owner.

-Revision of the State Constitution to eliminate the 50% true cash value requirement.

-Retention of the present

state income tax credits for senior citizens to eliminate the additional tax burden they must face with each increase in property assessments.

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Morgan Studies

FARMINGTON Army 2nd Lt. Robert P. Morgan son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Morgan of Farmington has graduated from the United States Army Engineer Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Va., and has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in military intelligence.

Morgan will now be assigned to the military intelligence school at Fort Holabird, Md., for nine weeks before going to Okinawa.

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NOTICE OF HEARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREET IMPROVEMENT HALEHEAD ROAD FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP

The Oakland County Road Commission has tentatively declared its intention to improve Halehead Road from 1.86 Freeway to the Quarter Section Corner of Section 25 and 26.

That the plans and an estimate of cost are on file at the Oakland County Road Commission Office.

The Oakland County Road Commission has tentatively designated the following special assessments district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed.

Farmington Freeway Industrial Park Subdivision Lots 1 to 38 inclusive and acreage parcel number P45A.

That the Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Oakland will meet at Farmington Township Hall, 31855 Haven, West Road, Farmington, Michigan, on the 15th day of April, 1970, at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, to hear and consider any objections to the said improvements and to the Special Assessment District.

Ed D. Lippincott, Chairman Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners.

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Taxes

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Shifman is handling the city's appeal to Oakland County Circuit Court which asks the court to allow an election to be held on the question of annexing the southern half of the township to the city.

The budget also includes an extra \$3,550 for the planning commission to meet planning expenses of the Downtown Redevelopment Program.

Of the increase, \$1,500 will go to Driker & Associates for consultations with the downtown redevelopment committee and \$4,500 for a traffic engineering study.

The election fund of the budget includes an extra \$3,600. The budgeted increase for elections is because of the addition of a new voting precinct and the scheduling of three elections before July 1971.

During 1970-71, the city expects to spend an extra \$11,000 for insurance because of increased premiums for workmen's compensation and general liability and an increase in the city's share of social security and hospitalization payments.

THE RECORD \$901,000 budget will mean an increase in actual dollars paid by taxpayers in spite of the expected 5% millage reduction.

A Farmington resident with a home selling for \$40,000 last year would have paid \$180 in city taxes based on the 9-mill levy.

If the council does not lower the millage rate, the same home owner will pay \$205 because of the 13% increase applied by the state in the value of his home.

If the council does lower the tax rate to 8.5 mills, the same homeowner will pay \$192 in city taxes or an increase of \$12 from his last tax billings.

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